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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 7,9,10,13-15,17 and 19 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 8,11,12,16,18 and 20 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/26/03</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>search notes</u> . |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of group II in the reply filed on 7/11/05 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the search would not be a burden to the examiner. This is not found persuasive because since the search is based in two different classes and encompass two different scopes it would be a burden to the examiner.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

2. Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Polycrystalline silicon is not a metal (please clarify).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 14 17, and 19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheung (US 2005/0189621). With regards to claims 7 and 17 Cheung disclose a semiconductor substrate, an active top side on the semiconductor substrate (26), an active surface area on the active top side, contact connecting areas electrically connected to the active surface area (31a), a package comprising a package-forming plastic layer which covers the substrate leaving the contact connecting areas exposed (46), and a self-supporting electrically conductive cover layer which is arranged above the active surface area and which is supported on through lines to the active top side and forms a hollow space between the active surface area and cover layer (30a), wherein the height of the hollow space corresponds to the thickness of an insulation

layer, photoresist layer or metal layer for a semiconductor wafer (30a) (see figure 11) (the examiner understands this to mean any thickness because the applicant did not specify a thickness). With regards to claims 9 and 19 Cheung disclose external contacts. With regards to claim 10 Cheung disclose sealing the hollow layer. With regards to claim 13 Cheung disclose the rectangular lines around the cover layer (see figure 10). With regards to claim 14 the cover layer comprises a metal.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 8, 11-12, 16, 18 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
9. Claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests the cover has a thickness that corresponds to a thickness of conductor tracks (claims 8 and 18) having a second plastic layer on the first plastic layer and not covering the contacts (claims 11, 12 and 20), the cover comprising polycrystalline silicon (claim 15), the semiconductor die containing a filter circuit (claim 16).

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley K. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 272-1884. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-6 Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bill Baumeister can be reached on (571) 272-1722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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